

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/24/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 24, 2006. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are currently pending.
2. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 24, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-14 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not render obvious a planet carrier having a flange part having a radially extending first ring-shaped disk, which is provided with a receptacle formed by an axial offset, and an axially extending cup-shaped projection extending from an inner edge of the receptacle, a step-like cup body comprising a first sleeve section and a second sleeve section of smaller and larger diameter, respectively, wherein the sleeve sections are connected to each other at one of each of their ends by a radially extending second ring-shaped disk, an angled ring-shaped projection located at an outer end of the first sleeve section, wherein an outer diameter of the first sleeve section is adapted to an inner diameter of the receptacle of the flange part, wherein the cup body engages at a projection-side end in the radial receptacle of the flange part and is partially overlapped by the receptacle in an axial direction, whereby the ring-shaped projection contacts the receptacle of the flange part in the axial direction and the remaining structure of claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. Patent No. 3,587,347 to Hanzi et al.; U.S. Patent No. 3,667,324 to Laing; U.S. Patent No. 4,129,050 to Akashi et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,470,286 to Fan; U.S. Patent No. 5,928,105 to Taha et al.; U.S. Patent No. 6,434,827 to Trent et al.; U.S. Patent No. 6,918,853 to Tanikawa; U.S. Patent No. 6,929,578 to Rowell; U.S. Publication No. 2005/0130794 to Jinbo; and U.S. Publication No. 2005/0164823 to Huber et al. all teach various planet carriers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin K. Holmes whose telephone number is (571) 272-5930. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (571) 272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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